

REMARKS

Claims 14 to 29 are pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The only issue raised in the Final Office Action is a double-patenting rejection over claims 1 to 11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,188,789 (“the ’789 patent”). Although the merits of this rejection are not necessarily agreed with, to facilitate prosecution, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer of the ’789 patent. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the double-patent rejection is moot, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for immediate allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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